

**Application No.: 09/987,772****Docket No.: 1519-031****REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 4 and 9-12 is noted with appreciation.

Non-allowed claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 have been cancelled solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution. All pending claims, i.e., claims 4 and 9-12 claims, stand allowed.

Early indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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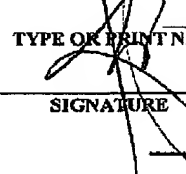


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